

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) has taken issue with XM Satellite Radio's new offerings of local traffic and weather. NAB fears localized coverage from satellite because local news, traffic, weather and sports are really the only thing local radio stations have left to keep listeners. Should satellite radio offer better localized coverage than "terrestrial stations"--as it has so far done with other programming--there'd really be little reason left to turn on the traditional radio.

I request that you please ignore the complaints of the NAB and reject their petition 04-160. Frankly, the NAB is attempting to stifle competition from a service that is leaps and bounds above anything provided by terrestrial radio stations. In my case, as I travel extensively in my car, I need to be able to access local traffic and weather for cities as I enter them, without searching through terrestrial radio stations and sifting through commercials.

XM Radio is providing a very valuable service, and I am quite content to pay my \$10 a month for a commercial-free service that serves my needs. Please do not allow the NAB to negatively affect this valuable service offered by XM and Sirius.

Thank you,
Walt Saiko